

Inter-State water disputes

1466. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inter-State river water disputes pending before Tribunals and Courts in the country;

(b) the details of inter-State river water disputes on which interim order have been issued by Tribunals/Courts;

(c) the details of cases in which the order has not been complied with, indicating the States that are violating Tribunal/Court orders; and

(d) whether Government propose to nationalize all the inter-State rivers in the country for equidistribution of water among the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, the water dispute arises among two or more State Governments when the Central Government receives request under section 3 of the Act from any of the basin States with regard to existence of water dispute. The details of the inter-State water disputes under ISRWD Act, 1956 pending before the Tribunals are as follows:

Sl. No.	River/Rivers	States concerned	Date of Reference to the Central Government	Date of Reference to the Tribunal
1.	Raavi & Beas	Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan	—	April, 1986
2.	Cauvery	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry	July, 1986	June, 1990
3.	Krishna	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra	September, 2002-January, 2003	April, 2004

(b) The Cauvery water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) passed an Interim Order on 25.6.1991 and the Krishna Water disputes Tribunal passed orders on Interim Relief Application of the States on 9.6.2006.

(c) As per the provisions of the ISRWD Act, 1956, the decision of the Tribunal is published in the Official Gazette to make it final and binding on the Parties to the dispute and is required to be given effect to by them. The decision of the Tribunal after publication in the Official Gazette has the same force as an order or decree of the Supreme Court. The Government of Andhra Pradesh in May 2005 complained to the Central Government that construction of Babhali Barrage by Government of Maharashtra within the submergence area Sriram Sagar Project Reservoir is in violation of Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal award. Besides, in the past, in a few water years, State of Tamil Nadu brought to the notice of Central Government the issue of non implementation of certain aspects of interim order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) such as monthly and weekly quantum of inflows in Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu & area irrigated from Cauvery water in Karnataka.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Check on use of ground water by soft drink bottling plants

1467. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of ground water being extracted by various soft drink bottling plants in the country, for the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06; State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the extraction of this quantum of ground water has been permitted by the Central Ground Water Board or any other competent authority of either Central or State Government;

(c) if not, the action taken against such bottling plants of soft drinks and details of regulatory and monitoring administrative and technical wing set up as a constant corrective measure either by Central Government or State Governments; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking above inevitable remedial measures?